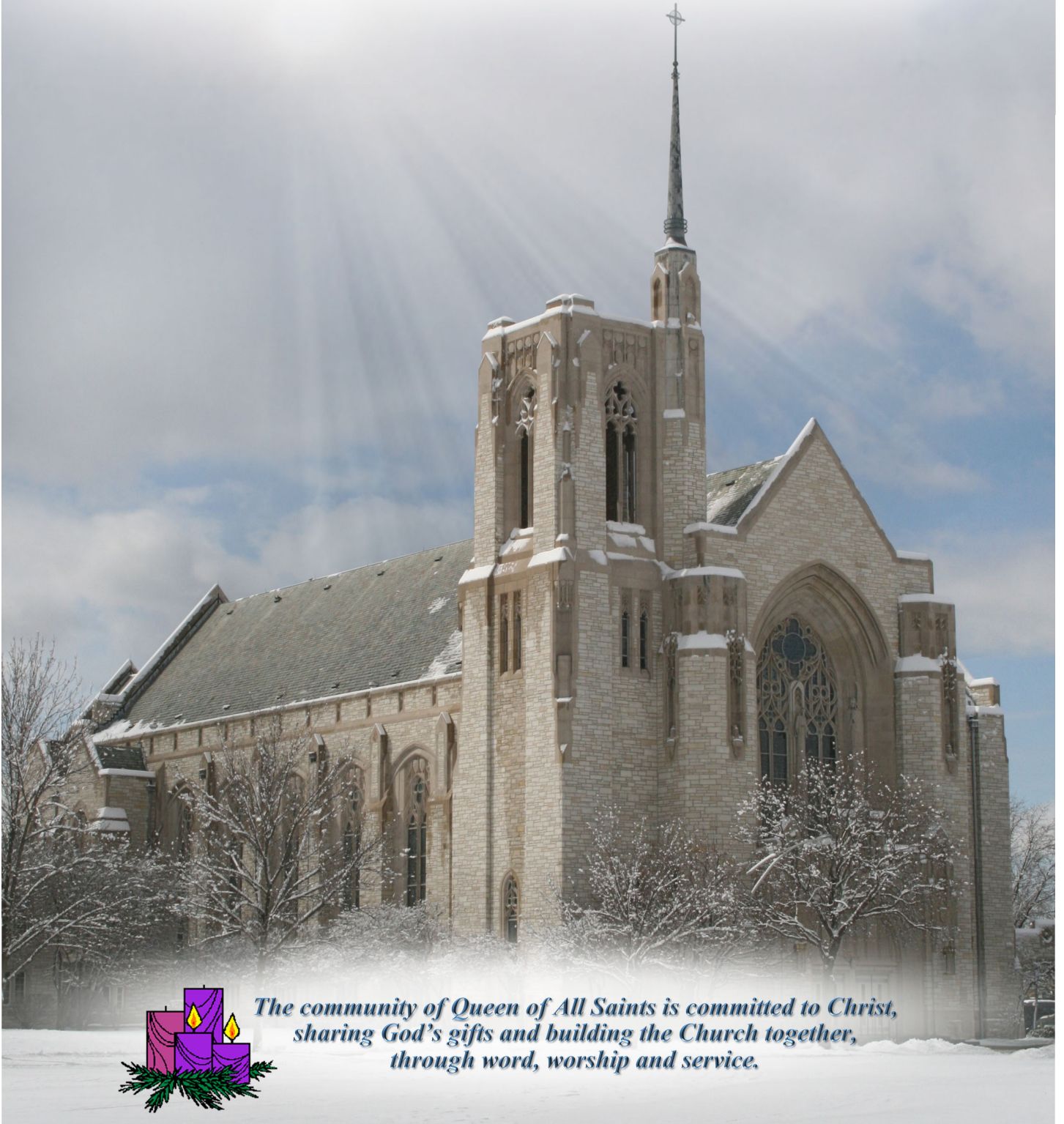


QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

A Roman Catholic Church

DECEMBER 8TH, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*The community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ,
sharing God's gifts and building the Church together,
through word, worship and service.*

FROM FATHER SIMON



Last Tuesday, one of the columnists in the Chicago Tribune wrote ‘Christmas is Coming Fast: Here are the things you should be panicking about’. Among the nine ‘things’ he mentioned, twice he suggested that we should be ‘panicking’, if we are not already.

As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, we hear one of the familiar voices of Advent, John the Baptist. He came to announce a new and radical message from a new place. John spoke this new message from the wilderness of the desert. He did not go to the crowds in the temple. They went to the desert to hear him. As the gospel tells us, ‘all of Judaea and the whole of the Jordan district made their way to him.’ Perhaps the people were tired and even bored of what they were hearing in temple. Perhaps John arrived at the right time with this new message. Their ears and hearts were open and ready to receive it.

The challenging question for us today is are our ears and hearts open to hear what John the Baptist has to say to us now, in our time? What is this message that John brings and that people went so far into the desert to hear? It is a message of repentance. Just as John asked the people of his time to look at their lives, today he asks us to look honestly at our lives. John asks us to change our lives and to prepare a way for the Lord.

Over these coming days and weeks of Advent, we will be busy in so many ways getting ready to celebrate the birth of Christ. There will be shopping for presents and gifts, buying food, cleaning and decorating our homes and writing Christmas cards. These are all a part of our preparation for the Christmas season. However, they are only one part of getting ready for Christmas. The words and message of John the Baptist echo down through the centuries and they are as relevant and important to us today as they were when John first proclaimed his message in the desert. We too are being called to repent, change, prepare a way for the Lord and to make his paths straight.

By the end of the gospel, John tells us whom he is announcing and to whom he is drawing attention. As we already know, it is Jesus Christ. If we only focus on and panic about the externals of getting ready to celebrate Christmas, we will miss not only someTHING, we will miss someONE.

Blessings!!

SHARE CHRISTMAS

**THIS WEEKEND!
DECEMBER 7 & 8,
GIFTS ARE DUE AT MASS!**



***Did you bring your gifts in?
If not, please try to get them
to church or the rectory by
1:30pm TODAY!***

Santa's Workshop
Santa Claus
is in the QAS gym TODAY!



**Join us for pictures with Santa, arts and
crafts, games, cookie decorating
and a bake sale!**

TODAY (December 8) FROM 10AM TO 1PM
\$15 PER FAMILY
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SOLD

ADVENT 2019 CALENDAR

Advent Prayer - Monday Evening Holy Hour

On Mondays, December 9, 16 & 23 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Prepare your heart for Christ with an hour of prayer each week before the Blessed Sacrament. Priests will be in the confessionals during the Holy Hour for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

First Week of Advent

December 7, Saturday - Tree Lighting at 4:45pm outside of the rectory, followed by the Early Childhood Family Mass at 5:00pm

Second Week of Advent

December 8, Sunday - Second collection to support the Retired Religious

December 8, Sunday - Santa's Workshop, beginning at 10am to 1pm, in the Gym

December 8, Sunday - Share Christmas and Toy Drive, gifts collected at all of the weekend Masses

December 8, Sunday - Elizabeth Ministry's Worldwide Candle Lighting Memorial at 6:45pm in the basilica

December 9, Monday - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (*not a holy day of obligation this year*)

December 13, Friday - Handel's "Messiah" concert at 7:30pm in the basilica.

Third Week of Advent

December 15, Sunday - Second collection to support our monthly sharing with the needy

December 17, Tuesday - Holiday coffee after all morning Masses

December 19, Thursday - School Concert, "The Angels Sing", 7:00pm

December 21, Saturday - Simbang Gabi, Traditional Filipino Advent liturgy, 7:00pm in the basilica, with a reception following in the gym

Fourth Week of Advent

December 24, Tuesday - only one morning Mass at 8:30am

December 24, Tuesday - Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 & 6:00pm

December 24/25, Tuesday/Wednesday - Prelude, Christmas Carols & Choral Reflections at 11:00pm followed by Midnight Mass at 12am

December 25, Wednesday - Christmas Day Masses at 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am & 12:30pm



MUSIC NEWS

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SAVE THE DATE—FEBRUARY 21, 2020 - BASILICA CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE CONCERT

TONIGHT AT QAS



Worldwide Prayer Service & Candle Lighting

to honor and remember children gone too soon

Sunday, December 8, 2019

*6:30 p.m. Doors Open
6:45 p.m. Program Begins
7:00 p.m. Candle Lighting*

Queen of All Saints Basilica

*6280 N. Sauganash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60646*

The twenty-third annual **Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting** service will be hosted by the Elizabeth Ministry at Queen of All Saints parish. At 7:00 p.m. local time, family and friends around the globe unite in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of any child of any age who has died (miscarriage, medical trauma, illness, suicide, military service or any other reason). Everyone is welcome to participate in all or part of the service as you feel comfortable.

Our simple gathering includes prayer, reading, music and time for reflection. All are invited to bring a keepsake for the Remembrance Table if you choose. Lite refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. We are most fortunate this year to have the evening's music selections curated and performed by Northshore Opera Hour and St. Viator's Adult Choir. Please contact Kathy Haring at kmharing@gmail.com with any questions.

The Compassionate Friends
www.compassionatefriends.org

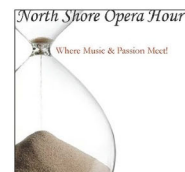


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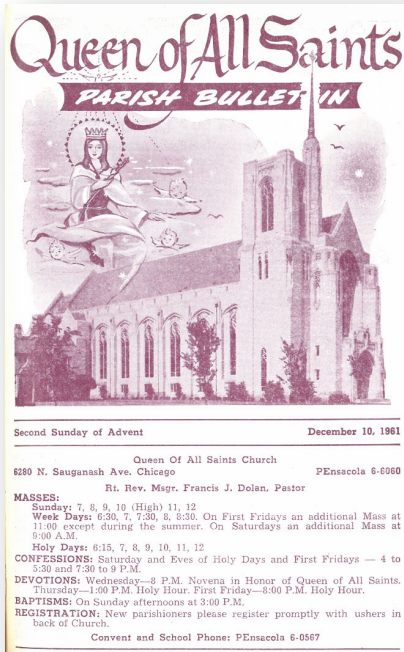
OTHER NEWS

A Blast from Our Past

December 10, 1961 bulletin cover for the Second Sunday of Advent.

*Moving toward
the tenth decade
of our parish!*

1929
2029



Who Will Fill These Shoes?

December 27, 2019

Young men in the Archdiocese of Chicago, ages 13-20, are invited with their parents and parish priests to attend this exciting event at Mundelein Seminary on the campus of the University of St. Mary of the Lake. Come and learn more about the priesthood and your vocation.



December 27, 2019, 5-8:30pm

University of St. Mary of the Lake

1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein, IL 60060

Please join us for
Misericordia's 
Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 12th 10:00am Holiday Shopping and Cocktails
12:00pm Buffet Luncheon, Holiday Dessert
1:00pm HeartBreakers Perform

Jean Marie Ryan Center, 6300 N Ridge, Chicago

Tickets \$50
Purchase tickets at www.misericordia.org/events

Christmas Chairs: Melissa McManamy, mmcmanamy@gmail.com
Esther Nichol, ecnichol@ameritech.net

PARISH NEWS

Lectors & Homebound Ministers Calendar Reminder

Please let Paul Scavone know of any conflicts for the months of January, February and March. You can reach Paul at the rectory by phone at 773-736-6060 (ext. 225) or email paul.scavone@qasparish.org. We will need this information by Sunday, December 15th. Thanks in advance!



Youth Ministry Events

Sunday, December 15th - Mass at 4:00pm, followed by Youth Ministry Open Gym

Friday, December 20th - Volunteer Opportunity, email qasym@qasparish.org for more information

Saturday, December 21st - Youth Ministry Christmas Party, 1:30-3:00pm, in the Holy Name Room

Children's Christmas Choir

All parishioners in 3rd through 8th grade are invited to sing in this year's Children's Christmas Choir!

Rehearsal in the Basilica
Saturday, December 21st
12 noon - 2pm

Service

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th
Call time is 2:45pm
Service of Lessons and Carols at 3:30pm
Mass at 4pm



Getting through the Holidays

There are no rules for surviving holiday grief. Do what you need to do to survive. Honor your loved one how you need to, and do what feels best for your fragile, aching heart. You are missing a huge piece of you, so do whatever you need to do to find a sliver of peace.

-Angela Miller

ps. And make sure to take care of yourself.

Dates to Remember

- Moppets & Me - Thursday, December 12, 9:20am - 12 noon in the rectory
- 5th Grade - December 14th at 5:00pm
- *Solemnity of Mary* Mass Times - Tuesday, December 31, Vigil Mass at 5pm; Wednesday, January 1, morning Masses at 8:00, 10am & 12 noon. Please note December 31 has only ONE morning Mass
- Catholic Schools Week Mass - January 26 at 11am

Holiday Coffee

Tuesday, December 17, after all Masses - Come to the rectory for coffee and sweets to celebrate the season!



Scholarship Opportunity

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW), offers a \$1,000 scholarship renewable for four years to the deserving young Catholic woman who can successfully articulate what it means to be a Catholic woman in the world today.

The applicant should currently be a high school senior. She does not have to attend a Catholic high school, nor does she have to select a Catholic college or university. The rules, criteria and application for the scholarship are available for download on the ACCW website: accw.archchicago.org.

You may also access our website via the Archdiocesan website, www.archchicago.org. If you use this website, select "Office Ministries" and click on "Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women", then select the tab for "Scholarship."

The deadline for submission of a completed application and all required letters of recommendation is March 20, 2020. You may call the ACCW office for any additional questions or information at 312-534-8330.

PERSONAL BENEFIT, COMMON GOOD

ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS



INCREASE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

The state program Invest in Kids offers a transformational opportunity for Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools through tax credit scholarships (TCS). Children in our state from low-income families will have access to new scholarships to attend non-public schools. Tax credit scholarships cover up to 100 percent of tuition and fees for students. Scholarship eligibility is based on a family's income. For example, a student could receive a scholarship if his/her family income is less than \$72,900.

LOWER YOUR TAX BILL

Invest in Kids provides Illinois state income tax credits to individuals and corporations that contribute money to an approved Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). SGOs are independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that award scholarships to eligible students from low-income families. Individuals and corporations may receive a credit for their Illinois state taxes equal to 75 percent of donations to an SGO. Individuals can designate their donation to a school or subset of schools.

INVEST IN KIDS IN THREE EASY STEPS



1. APPLY FOR A TAX CREDIT AT [MYTAX.ILLINOIS.GOV](https://mytax.illinois.gov)

Applicants are required to have a MyTax Illinois account. Visit archchicago.org/tcs for step-by-step instructions for creating an account and applying for the tax credit.



2. DONATE TO AN SGO WITHIN 60 DAYS

Once the application is approved, donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization, such as Empower Illinois or Big Shoulders Fund SGO, within 60 days.



3. DESIGNATE TO CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

During the donation process, donors have the option to donate to a specific Catholic school or the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools.

ARCHDIOCESE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

archchicago.org/tcs | 312.534.2617 | tcs@archchicago.org

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parishioner,

Queen of All Saints School is grateful to you for supporting the advancement of Catholic school education. I am writing about a unique opportunity for Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools. The State of Illinois created a tax credit scholarship program through the “Invest in Kids” Act that is mutually beneficial to students and donors. It provides a 75 percent Illinois State income tax credit to individuals who contribute money to fund scholarships for students to attend private schools. Eligible students from low-income families in Illinois may use these scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice, including the more than 200 Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools in Cook and Lake Counties.

To increase the funds available for scholarships next year, several donors have partnered with the scholarship granting organization Empower Illinois and the Archdiocese of Chicago to create a matching gift pool.

- Every dollar donated to this program through Empower Illinois between Dec. 1, 2019 and Feb. 29, 2020 and designated to a school operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago will be matched with two dollars from this pool (limitations apply). The program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on Feb. 29, 2020, whichever comes first.
- A \$5,000 donation will have a tremendous impact. With the 75 percent tax credit you receive on the donation and this match, it will have a net cost to you of \$1,250 and will provide \$15,000 in scholarships for low-income families.
- After April 1, 2020, any matching gift program funds that are not awarded at a designated school will be reallocated to low-income students at schools with unmet demand.
- Donors who would like to receive the tax credit for their 2019 taxes should begin the process prior to Dec. 16, 2019 to ensure they have enough time to make their gift by Dec. 31, 2019.

We also want to share with you this message from Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, regarding the importance of the tax credit scholarship program. Please visit <https://schools.archchicago.org/tax-credit-scholarships>

We hope you will join us in supporting Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools and provide more children a quality Catholic school education. For more information, please contact me or the archdiocese’s Tax Credit Scholarship Office at tcs@archchicago.org or 312.534.2617.

Kind regards,

Emily Carlson
Principal



Filipino-American Community Association
Queen of all Saints Basilica

The 31st
Simbang
Gabi



Queen of All Saints Basilica

6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago, IL 60646



Saturday, Dec 21, 2019*
at 7:00 p.m.

Reception follows in the gym

Jesus: Still the Word that We Proclaim

Jesus is the Savior of All People

Simbang Gabi is a nine-day novena of Marian Masses held before Christmas to prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Mother of God.

**This will be an Anticipated Mass that fulfills the Sunday obligation.*

For more information send inquiry to facaofgas@gmail.com or contact:
Jily Vizconde 847.226.0493 or Maureen Isidoro 312.838.1110





STEWARDSHIP

The community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ, sharing God's gifts and building the Church together, through word, worship and service.

Stewardship Our Financial To-Do List

As we near year-end we remind ourselves of our stewardship goals and our achievements

Capital Campaign

Maintain individual pledge payments on schedule. Seek new pledges and increases in existing pledges. Complete Phase 3 (lower level of Keene) on time and on budget.

Basilica Repairs

Having completed the replacement of the basilica ceiling, complete the major repairs to our bell tower resulting from hidden water damage over past decades.

Recognize that our borrowing from our savings to fund these two major projects will need to be repaid, so that our long-term savings are fully replenished.

Sunday and Holiday Collections

Achieve a 25% increase in Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections in order to generate operating surpluses which can be used to replenish our long-term savings.

*Our parish is our family in faith,
and like any good family we are called
to be present for each other.*

*We support each other in our shared
worship, in our shared prayers,
and in our shared experiences.*

*Thanks for being here
and for your continuing generosity.*

Social Media

Facebook - Queen of All Saints Parish - Chicago

Instagram - @qasbasilica

Today's Readings

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10)

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS NOVEMBER 14 TO NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Donation Type	Amount	Users
Envelopes	\$17,349.93	491
Loose Donations	\$4,359.91	n/a
Electronic Giving	\$6,848.55	167
Total	\$28,558.39	
YTD Total	\$577,401.06	

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS NOVEMBER 21 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2019

Donation Type	Amount	Users
Envelopes	\$16,074.59	476
Loose Donations	\$4,042.69	n/a
Electronic Giving	\$10,251.42	176
Total	\$30,368.70	
YTD Total	\$607,769.76	
November 2019	\$118,839.66	
November 2018	\$114,568.79	



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 8th (Second Sunday of Advent) - All Sunday Masses will be offered for the people of Queen of All Saints and the benefactors of our endowments for the school and the parish

Monday, December 9th (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) - All Masses will be offered for the people of Queen of All Saints and the benefactors of our endowments for the school and the parish.

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10th - School Endowment Fund benefactors, Estelle E. Sklodowski, QAS Homebound, George Stegmaier, Deceased members of QAS Widowed Group, Eileen Stegmaier, Vito DeCarlo, Sara Testa, Dr. Clifford H. Miller, Beata Garcia, Sotto Family, Alma & George Brown, Aurora Reyes, Arcadio Salvador
Readings: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11th (St. Damasus I) - Basilica Fund Members, Ruth Stegmaier, Fred Stummer, Richard F. Scheuer, Gaspar & Ria Erdelyi, Rev. James P. Noone, Aurora Reyes, Arcadio Salvador
Readings: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12th (Our Lady of Guadalupe) - Leslie Guderyahn, Charles Hansen, Helena Pett, Katherine Hansen, John Hansen, Giometti Family, Deacon Michael Monnelly, Aurora Reyes, Arcadio Salvador
Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday, December 13th (St. Lucy) - Helen & Jerry Martin, John T. Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Guderyahn Sr., Robert Byfield, Vincie J. Lentino, Corky DeCastro, Aurora Reyes, Arcadio Salvador
Readings: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14th (St. John of the Cross) - Francis & Margaret McCormick, Joab P. Merza, Salvy Monastero, Leroy Gasior, Aurora Reyes, Arcadio Salvador, Joe Lopes
Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

**Carlos Antezana
Robert Johnson
Mary Jo Murphy
Lauren Nannini**



CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Next Sunday, December 15th
5:00pm - Fr. Simon Braganza
6:45am - Fr. Edward Grace
8:00am - Fr. Simon Braganza
9:30am - Fr. Walter Cheboi
11:00am - Fr. Edward Grace
12:30pm - Fr. Walter Cheboi

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30am-4:00pm

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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil5:00pm
Sunday.....6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am, 12:30pm

Daily Mass and Rosary

Monday-Friday.....6:30, 8:30am
Saturday.....8:00am
Rosary.....Daily after the 8:30am Mass

Devotions and Holy Day Masses

Holy Hour.....Monday, 7:00pm
Please consult the parish bulletin or website for the Holy Day
Mass schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday.....After the 8:00 am Mass until all are heard

To Register in the Parish

Please contact the Rectory Office.....773-736-6060

The Sacrament of Baptism

Queen of All Saints rejoices in the incorporation of new members into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. If you are a registered parishioner, please come to the rectory during business hours to schedule your child's baptism. If it is not possible for you to come to the rectory, please call the rectory to make arrangements. The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is celebrated two or three Sundays of the month, depending on the time of year, at 1:30pm. Please call the rectory for the exact schedule. A Baptismal Preparation class for the parents is required. They are held once a month on alternate Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and must also be scheduled in advance. If an adult or a school age child seeks baptism, special arrangements should be made with one of the priests.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Queen of All Saints helps couples prepare not only for their wedding day, but also for the lifelong commitment of living a Christian marriage. Parishioners of Queen of All Saints Basilica who are baptized and free to marry in the Catholic Church may celebrate their marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica. Couples from Queen of All Saints seeking marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica should contact one of the parish priests at least six months prior to their intended date of marriage. The couple must meet with one of the priests before the date for the marriage can be confirmed.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just a sacrament for those who are at the point of death. As soon as one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him or her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. Therefore, any member of the faithful who is seriously ill because of sickness or advanced age may properly receive this sacrament.

OTHER NEWS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever. (Psalm 72)

Second Reading: Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:4-9)

Gospel: I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. (Matthew 3:1-12)



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